# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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STREAMLINING PASSPORT ISSUANCE SYSTEM
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the number of pending passport applications is increasing every year in the various passport offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons for delay in issuing them;

(c) whether issuance of fake passports is on the rise in the country;

(d) if so, the number of cases detected during each of the last three years;

(e) whether several passport officials have been found to be involved in such cases;

(f) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise and

(g) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the guilty officials?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) The number of pending passport applications has come down in almost all passport offices. The total number of applications pending during 2001 was 1,50,278. This figure came down to 83,877 during 2002, a reduction of 44.18%.

(b) A statement showing the number of pending passport applications as on 31-12-01 and as on 31-12-02 at various passport offices is placed as Annexure I. States covered are also indicated. Delay in issuance of passports is mainly on account of delay in receipt of clear police verification report and incomplete applications.

(c) At times passports are fraudulently obtained or passports are subsequently tampered with.

(d) The number of cases of issuance of fraudulently obtained passports were 3 in 2000, 3 in 2001 and 3 in 2002.

(e) Yes. Eleven passport officials have been found to be involved in such cases and penalties have been imposed.

(f) State-wise details are as follows :

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Delhi    -  2,
Gujarat   -  1,
Maharashtra    -  1,
UP    -  7
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(g) Some cases are still under investigation whereas penalties have been imposed in other cases.

Annexure-I

Number of passport applications pending in various passport offices

(State-wise) as on 31.12.2001 and 31.12.2002

| S.No. | Name of RPO/PO | State covered | Applications pending as on 31.12.2001 | Applications pending as on 31.12.2002 |
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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ahmedabad | Gujrat | 46907 | 45797 |
| | Diu-UT | | | |
| 2 | Bangalore | Karnataka | NIL | 2118 |
| 3 | Bareilly | 11 districts of Uttar Pradesh<br>13 districts of Uttaranchal | 2624 | 801 |
| 4 | Bhopal | Madhya Pradesh<br>Chattisgarh | 334 | 44 |
| 5 | Bhubaneswar | Orissa | 949 | 3366 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 11 districts of Punjab<br>14 districts of Haryana<br>Himachal Pradesh<br>Chandigarh-UT | NIL | 2365 |
| 7 | Chennai | 17 districts of Tamil Nadu<br>Pondicherry-UT except districts of Mahe and Yanam | 13015 | 2426 |
| 8 | Cochin | 5 districts of Kerala<br>Lakshadweep-UT | 15599 | 490 |
| 9 | Delhi | Delhi<br>5 districts of Haryana | 8593 | 1335 |
| 10 | Ghaziabad | 11 districts of Uttar Pradesh | NIL | 2233 |
| 11 | Guwahati | Assam<br>Arunachal Pradesh<br>Manipur<br>Meghalaya<br>Mizoram<br>Nagaland | NIL | 96 |
| 12 | Hyderabad | 20 districts of Andhra Pradesh<br>Pondicherry-UT district of Yanam | 2978 | 71 |
| 13 | Jaipur | Rajasthan | NIL | 4120 |
| 14 | Jalandhar | 6 districts of Punjab | NIL | 3677 |
| 15 | Jammu | 6 distrists of J&K | NIL | 40 |
| 16 | Kolkata | West Bengal<br>Sikkim<br>Tripura | NIL | 313 |
| 17 | Kozhikode | 7 districts of Kerala<br>Pondicherry-UT(District of Mahe only) | 14937 | 4497 |
| 18 | Lucknow | 48 districts of Uttar Pradesh | 24889 | 1986 |
| 19 | Mumbai | Dadra & Nagar Haveli<br>Daman<br>5 districts of Maharashtra | NIL | 1051 |

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| 20 | Nagpur | 18 districts of Maharashtra | 892 | 36 |
| 21 | Panaji | Goa | 309 | 170 |
| 22 | Patna | Bihar Jharkhand | 7968 | 100 |
| 23 | Pune | 6 districts of Maharashtra | NIL | NIL |
| 24 | Ranchi | Jharkhand | NIL | NIL |
| 25 | Srinagar | 8 districts of J&K | 3853 | 130 |
| 26 | Thane | 7 districts of Maharashtra | NIL | NIL |
| 27 | Trichy | 16 districts of Tamil Nadu | NIL | 3056 |
| 28 | Trivandrum | 3 districts of Kerala | 6431 | 1225 |
| 29 | Vishakhapatnam | 5 districts of Andhra Pradesh | NIL | 2334 |
| | Total | | 150278 | 83877 |

Note: Actual pendency is counted from the date, the clear police report is received.